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DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention

RADIAL POPPET-TYPE CHECK VALVE WITH CLOSURE ASSIST FEATURE

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- The attached application, or
- Application No. _____, filed on _____,
- as amended on _____ (if applicable);

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I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Attorney Docket Number	1970/51

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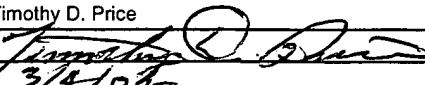
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**Name Timothy D. PriceSignature Date 3/4/04Telephone 704-375-9249

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